

Baptism

As Christ, its giver, is called by many and diverse names, so also is His gift. Because of the great joy we experience either in regard to it ... or because of its many forms of benefit, we have many names for it as well. We call it gift, grace, baptism, illumination, anointing, robe of incorruption, washing of rebirth, seal, everything honorable. It is gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; illumination because it radiates light; robe since it covers our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our safe-

guard and sign of God's Lordship. In this the heavens rejoice together, thus the angels glorify because it is like their great radiance. This is an image of the blessedness to come. We desire to sing forth its praises, but we are unable to do so worthily.

Since we are twofold, I mean body and soul, and our nature is visible yet also invisible, the purification is also twofold, through water and Spirit. The one is received in a way that can be seen and is bodily, as the other joins with it spiritually and in a way that cannot be seen. And the one is symbolic while the other is true and purifies the depths.

St. Gregory the Theologian

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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August 10, 2025 9th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	10	9th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	14	<u>Vigil for Feast of Dormition of the Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy - +Colleen Schubring by Mark & Susan Northrop ~ <i>Blessing of Flowers and Herbs</i> ~ 
Saturday	16	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Steve & +Sylvia Melnik by Lisa Melnik 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	17	10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Dot Wochok
Francis Hughes
Frank Miko
Abbie Sheedy-wc

Mary Ann Baran
Gary Dorencz
Ken Hrusosky
Jim Forkal

Mary Ann Horne
Michele Lewis
Fr. Bernard Danber
Steve Bieniek

Mike Sheedy
Kim Hughes
Mitchell Stachnik
Paul Kaderabek

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.

Parish Membership is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

A Biblically based stewardship is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

Couples who are planning to be married at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages," as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound should contact the pastor or parish business office.

Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

Cremation is permitted but not encouraged. Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

Appropriate behavior and dress are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent penitential practice is to be observed.



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom, the Mother Here

Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

"This is my body, which is broken for you."

1 Corinthians 11:24

A weekend to pray and reflect on the call to Eucharistic Revival and the healing power of Christ

Where:

The Lial Renewal Center
5908 Davis Rd,
Whitehouse, OH 43571

When:

November 14-16, 2025
Beginning at 5:00 pm Friday
Ending at 1:00 pm Sunday

Spiritual Leaders:

Fr. Andrew Summerson & Laura Ieraci



Fr. Andrew Summerson is a priest of the Eparchy of Parma and pastor of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana. He is assistant professor of Patristic Theology at the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Laura Ieraci is the editor of ONE, the magazine of Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and founder of AVIVA Ministries & Coaching. She is actively involved in the pastoral work at St. Mary's. Fr. Andrew and Laura married in 2013.

Registration:

Reserve your space by October 17, 2025 for discounted rate.

Early fee by Oct 17 - **\$220** After Oct 17 fee - \$250

If you require financial assistance, please reach out and we can send you the scholarship application.

Online registration is available <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God, Byzantine Catholic Church

Please complete the form (preferably online) and send a check to the address below:

Attn: Fall Women's Renewal: 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109

Sponsors:

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma & Dormition of the Mother of God

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The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August 15th

According to Eastern Tradition, the Theotokos died as all people die: not voluntarily, but by necessity of her mortal human nature. At the time of her death, the Lord miraculously transported the Apostles, who were preaching throughout the world, to her side. Other bishops and women from the Church in Jerusalem joined them. The sole exception was Thomas, who was preaching in India at the time. Jesus Christ himself descended upon her death and carried her soul into heaven.



The faithful took her body and laid it in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane, at her request. Three days after her death, Thomas arrived in a cloud above her tomb, where he saw her body going to heaven. He asked her, "Where are you going, O Holy One?" She then took off her girdle and gave it to him saying, "Receive this, my friend," and disappeared. Thomas went to his fellow apostles, whom he asked to see her grave, so that he could bid her goodbye. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance. It is for this reason that we bless flowers and herbs in honor of this Blessed Feast of the Theotokos.

Eastern theology teaches that the Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection, which all will experience at the second coming. She stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.

This great Feast of the Church celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith - the resurrection of the body. It is a feast of hope, hope in resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come. We also affirm through this Feast that the Theotokos intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2025 – Shrine of Mariapoch

“Theotokos: - our joy, our protection, our hope.”

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 3:00 PM – Water blessing/ Moleben to Theotokos
- 5:00 PM – Cafe opens for dinner
- 7:00 PM – Vespers
- 8:30 PM – Campfire and fireside chat
- 10:00 PM – Compline / Start of all-night vigil

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9:00 AM – Matins
- 11:00 AM – Teen activity
- 12 Noon – Sixth Hour / Cafe opens for Lunch
- 1:30 PM – Children Activity
- 1:30 PM – Guest Speaker Talk, Jubilee Year



Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

3:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta, Main Celebrant. Homilist: Bishop Earl K Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)

5:00 PM – Cafe opens for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Tent camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Please bring your own chair.

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!

Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya,
gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790



Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

Annunciation's 2025 Raffle

Sunday, December 14th

Grand Prize: \$5,000

Early Bird Drawings

Sundays, October 5th & November 16th

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN, if returned by October 5th.



91st Annual Pilgrimage In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat & Sun, Aug 30th & 31st

in 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.

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